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Welcome back to 'in person' worship...and welcome also to those of you worshipping with us via YouTube.

May these offerings of word, music and prayer help you attend to what the Spirit is sharing with you today.

We invite you to hum softly during the hymns.

PRELUDE: "Elegy"

James Biery

WELCOME

A REMEMBRANCE DAY RITUAL¹

Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Red Candle

Last Post

Lighting of the White Candle

Silent Remembrance-1 minute

Choir: "The Souls of the Righteous"

Ronald Gibson

Leader: They shall not grow old,
as we who are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

Rouse

Lighting of the Blue Candle

Prayer (*In Unison-softly*)

Holy One,

**On this November day, we think back,
remembering with gratitude**

the courage of young lives offered for others.

**Their gift has made a difference
for all of us today and we give thanks.**

**With the strength and inspiration
of your Holy Spirit,**

**may we indeed carry the torch,
which they have passed to us.**

**May we be faithful to their memory
and as committed and determined as they were**

that our land shall be strong and free,
a place which nurtures the well being
of all its people and which contributes
in meaningful ways to the well being
of the world beyond our borders. Amen

TIME for the YOUNG AT HEART

◆ **HYMN: VU684²** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

CONTEXT: Romans 8: 35, 37-39

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Consecration”

David Ashley White

PSALM 78: VU792

Refrain: “We will tell new generations of the
wonders God has done.”

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past.

What we have heard and known,
what our parents have told us,

we will not hide from their grandchildren,

but declare to the next generation

the testimony that you gave to Jacob

and the law you appointed in Israel,

which you commanded them to teach their children,

that the next generation might know them,

children yet unborn,

and these in turn should arise, and tell their children,

**that they should put their trust in you,
and not forget your great deeds,
but keep all your commandments. R**

Marvellous things you did in the sight of our ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan.

**You divided the sea and let them go through,
and made the waters stand up like a wall.**

By day you led with a cloud,
and all the night long with a beacon of fire.

**You split rocks in the wilderness,
and gave drink in plenty as from the great deep.**

You brought streams out of the rock,
and made water run down like rivers. R

POEM from 1943 “This Was My Brother”

- Mona McTavish Gould

REFLECTION: “Deep Faith and High Hope”

**PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD’S PRAYER VU914**

◆ **HYMN: VU527³** “God! As with Silent Hearts”

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*Your offering may be placed in the plate, as you enter or leave the sanctuary.
Thank you for your donation.*

OFFERTORY: Prayer of Dedication

◆ **HYMN:VU686⁴** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING: VU967 “Three-fold Amen”

POSTLUDE: “Highland Cathedral”

Charles Callahan

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie, Robert Grandy, Minister of Music and Ted Harvey, Worship Leader. COVID Choir this week is Glynnis Hilton-Devitt, Karla Buckborough, Wendy Brown, Jane Darling, Margaret Marris and Dave Freeman. Our sound operator is Doug Watt and the Sunday custodian is Shawn Loucks.

Credits:

¹ Adapted from George Cox in Gathering 2004.SA,58.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Peace is not the product of terror or fear,
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silence of violent repression.
Peace IS the generous, tranquil contribution of
ALL to the good of ALL.
Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.
Is right and duty.

- Oscar Romero VU683

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDE: The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the word “elegy” as “as song or poem expressing sorrow or lamentation, especially for one who is dead.” It also describes an elegy as a short pensive musical composition. On this Remembrance Sunday, I usually play an elegy of some kind. Today’s “Elegy” was written by American composer James Biery (b. 1956), and was written in memory of Roy Johnson (1936-1995), Professor of Organ for almost thirty years at the University of Arizona. Johnson was brutally murdered after leaving an organ recital in February, 1995. On the tenth anniversary of his death, Biery was commissioned to write a work in Johnson’s honour and today’s “Elegy” is the result. The piece is based on the much-loved Swedish hymn, “Children of the Heavenly Father”, a nod to Johnson’s abiding faith and ethnic heritage. The hymn itself doesn’t appear until the very end of the work. However, the repeating theme in the pedals that you hear throughout the piece turns into the pedal line of the hymn.

CHORAL MUSIC: During the Remembrance ritual, the choir will sing Canadian composer Ronald Gibson’s short motet “The Souls of the Righteous”. With a text from the Book of Wisdom, Gibson (1903-1993) created a little unaccompanied gem. He was a Manitoba-based composer and teacher and was the organist at Winnipeg’s Holy Trinity Anglican Church for 53 years! He retired from the University of Manitoba in 1968 and began composing works for voice, choir and organ, mainly for church use.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die. But they are in peace.

An active composer in all media, David Ashley White (b.1944) is a Texas-based composer and former Professor of Music at the University of Houston. His anthem entitled “Consecration” was written in April 1996 using part of the familiar hymn text “Take my life and let it be” by Frances Havergal.

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my king.
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose,
Take my will, and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

POSTLUDE: Though it sounds like a traditional Scottish bagpiping tune that has been around for ages, “Highland Cathedral” was written in 1982 by Michael Korb and Ulrich Roever. The melody has skyrocketed in popularity ever since. Prolific American composer Charles Callahan arranged the tune for the organ in 2013, giving it an even wider audience. Starting off quietly, it builds and builds to a thrilling conclusion.

OFFERING

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4 ways to Donate

1. **Envelopes** on plate at entrance to sanctuary.
2. Cheques placed in **secure mailbox** beside main door of church
3. **PAR** (pre-authorized remittance monthly). Contact church office and they will make arrangements.
4. Electronically through **e-transfer** or by using **Canada Helps**, a Canadian not-for-profit organization. Just go to Trinity's web page <http://trinitypeterborough.com> and click on the 'Donate Now' button located at the upper right hand side of the page. Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt in Trinity's name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE VIDEO

The video of this service will be posted on our website on Monday each week.

ADVENT MISSIVE

It hardly seems possible that we thinking about Advent already but it is not that far away. We would like to have the Advent Missive ready for distribution on Sunday, November 29 which is Advent I. For this edition we are interested in hearing what your plans are in this most unusual of years. What are you doing to make it meaningful? Please send us your stories – are you making your Christmas gifts this year, making your own Christmas cards, trying your hand at new recipes, making a special advent calendar for a grandchild or joining with your neighbours to sing carols in the neighbourhood? Let us know your plans. All submissions should be into the church office or the editor Pat Marett no later than Friday, November 20.



JOANNA ON VACATION

Joanna will be on holiday from Monday, November 9 -16 inclusive. Pastoral care will be available. Please contact Joanna's confidential voice mail at 705-874-8603. This line will be monitored daily.

REQUEST

Until we begin using the Simcoe Street door for Sunday worship, we would like to request that those of you who are able use the municipal lot and walk around to the Reid Street door. This ensures that those who are unable to walk that distance will be assured a spot in the Trinity parking lot. Thank you.

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We acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours